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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Seniors

Description

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides direct and indirect benefits to seniors.

Direct – seniors who are enrolled in Medi-Cal, Social Security or food stamps programs may benefit from the following programs:

- Extends the Qualified Individual (QI) program through December 31, 2010, which can assist low-income seniors with paying their Medicare Part B premiums.
- Provides \$20 billion to increase benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly the Food Stamp Program) and specifically \$100 million for senior nutrition programs.
- Provides a \$250 one-time payment to retirees, disabled individuals and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration, disabled veterans receiving benefits from the Veterans Affairs Department, and Railroad Retirement beneficiaries.

Indirect – the following programs are intended to improve the lives of seniors:

- Community Service Employment for Older Americans program, which offers grants to nonprofit organizations to subsidize part-time work in community service for low-income seniors.
- Incentives for businesses to hire unemployed veterans

Eligibility

Seniors need to be enrolled in the respective programs in order to take advantage of the “direct” benefits.

Questions or Help

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